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SUBJECT: CATCHING CAMELS

1. WITH APOLOGIES TO THOSE MORE SERIOUSLY INVOLVED, THERE FOLLOWS  
NEED TO KNOW MATERIAL FOR MIDDLE EAST WALTER MITTYS ON HOW TO  
CATCH AND HOLD CAMELS. SOURCE IS UNEF TROUBLESHOOTER AND SELF-  
TAUGHT CAMEL EXPERT, MAJOR MALINKRODT.

2. BEST WAY, USED BY BEDOUIN, IS TO KNOW WHERE A CAMEL IS GOING  
TO BE AND THEN WAIT THERE FOR IT TO ARRIVE. GRAZING PATTERNS ARE  
REASONABLY PREDICTABLE IF FOOD AREAS KNOWN.

3. IF CAMEL IS THIRSTY, AS IS MOSTLY THE CASE, IT CAN BE ATTRACT-  
ED TO YOU. TAKE A BASIN OR SMALL BOWL. HOLD IT OUT IN WATER  
OFFERING POSITION, PREFERABLY DOWN ON ONE KNEE. REPEAT "OOT, OOT"  
IN DEEP VOICE. IF CAMEL IS ONE OF YOUR OWN, IT ADVISABLE HAVE  
SOME WATER IN THE BOWL. IN ANY CASE, YOU SHOULD HAVE HALTER  
READY, FOR THE HEAD WILL COME UP FAST.

4. SHOULD YOU NEED CAMEL AT EARLY DATE, AND IT WON'T COME TO  
WATER, THERE IS NO WAY BUT TO CHASE IT DOWN. DECEPTIVE MOVEMENTS  
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ARE LARGELY UNAVAILING. SET OUT STRAIGHT AFTER IT AND KEEP PRESS-  
ING. CAMELS WILL GENERALLY GO 6 TO 8 KILOMETERS BEFORE DECIDING  
IT NO LONGER WORTH THE EFFORT. THIS IS LONG WAY IN DESERT AND YOU  
HAD BETTER KNOW WHAT TO DO WHEN MOMENT COMES.

5. APPROACH LEFT SIDE AT ABOUT 90 DEGREES. SAY "RAHR, RAHR"  
GUTTERERLY IN BACK OF YOUR THROAT. GRAB CAMEL AS SIMULTANEOUSLY

AS POSSIBLE AT SHOULDER BLADE AND FRONT LEG SOCKET. HOLD ON\*  
CAMELS MOSTLY ARE TRAINED BY BEDOUIN TO STAY STILL WHEN GRABBED  
THIS WAY. BUT THEY WILL FLINCH, BELLOW, AND WAVE HEADS AROUND.

6. IF CAMEL IS NOT TRAINED, IT MAY BITE AS WELL. IN THIS CASE,  
WITH FREE HAND, SEIZE CAMEL BY FLANGE BETWEEN ITS NOSTRILS AND  
IT WILL USUALLY RELAX HOLD ON YOU. ROBERTS

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